



Maundy Thursday

6 p.m., April 17, 2025
Shelby Presbyterian Church

Intergenerational Table Service

GREETING

Drew Mangione

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mike Jackson

Let us bless this night and this meal. Let us remember why we are here – when the Lord led Israel out of Egypt, God established the Passover meal to mark their liberation from bondage.

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, who brings forth wheat in the fields and fruit of the vine.

When the Word of God shared in our humanity, he established this meal of grain and grape to mark a new exodus for all people to escape the bondage of sin and death. On that night, the Lord Jesus also washed the feet of his first disciples in humble service. May we be transformed by your love to look more like Jesus and live in humble service to God and our neighbors.

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, for you love the world and sent the Son to redeem us.

We all participate in God's story in every part of our lives. On this night, we participate in the Passover meal that Jesus shared with his first disciples before the cross. By the Holy Spirit, we are with him who rose, lives and reigns.

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, by whose Spirit we are made temples of divine presence.

OPENING HYMN #202: *"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"* (verses 1, 2, 3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O Lord, our God, you heard the cries of your people Israel and led them out of the land of Egypt where they were enslaved by Pharaoh. With a strong hand and outstretched arm, you led them out. In Jesus, you began a new Exodus, to lead people of every nation from bondage to sin and death and into community with you and one another. Free us from the sins that hold us captive through fear. Lead us into your outstretched arms. By your Spirit fill us with your love and make us right with you. Amen.** (Silent Confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Sisters and brothers, believe the good news! **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

GLORIA PATRI (sung): ***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND FIRST READING: John 13:1-17, 34-35

Mike Jackson

HANDWASHING: Each table has a bowl of water, and each person has a napkin. At each table, choose one person to dip their napkin first and wash the hands of the person to their left. Continue around the table until the first person's hands are washed. As you wash your neighbor's hands, you are invited to say, **"In obedience to Christ, I am your servant."** As your hands are washed, you may respond, **"Amen."**

HYMN #203: *"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love"*

MEDITATION: The Story of God's Love for You and the World
Mangione

Drew

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

RESPONSIVE EPICLESIS: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ and that we may be his body for the world.

By your Spirit unite us with Christ and one another until we feast with him and with all your saints in the new creation, when the heavenly Jerusalem descends, and the fullness of God will dwell with us. Amen.

INTERACTIVE WORDS OF INSTITUTION: The Story of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:14-20) Carol Ann Hoard

The children and leaders of "Growing in Grace" on Wednesday nights invite you to join the narrative of this holy meal with a chant that incorporates the following phrases: ***"Jesus' love is always with us. Love, remember love. Break the bread of life. Share the cup of blessing. Do this in remembrance of me."*** Carol Ann will say the words of institution, and the children will lead you in the chant.

TABLE COMMUNION: The same person who began the handwashing should begin Communion, turning to their neighbor with Matzah to say, **"Take. This is Christ's body, given for you"** to which the person responds, **"Amen."** When all have received the bread, do the same with the cup, pouring the juice and saying, **"This is Christ's blood of the covenant poured out for you."** The response again is, **"Amen."**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Is it I, Lord?"* (Schram) Chancel Choir

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION: Psalm 118 (1-6, 24-26a, 28-29) Growing in Grace

O give thanks to the Lord, who alone is good. **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let Israel now say: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let the house of Aaron now say: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

Let all now who revere the Lord say: **The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.**

I called upon the Lord when I was boxed in. The Lord answered me and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side. I will not fear. What can humans do to me?

This is the day the Lord has made. **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

We implore you, O Lord, save us. **Please, O Lord, deliver us.**

We implore you, O Lord, grant us success now. **Please, O Lord, send us your abundance.**

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. **You are our God! And we thank you.**

You are our God! We raise you up!

O give thanks to the Lord, who alone is good. The Lord's steadfast love endures forever.

FINAL READING: Luke 22:21-53

Drew Mangione

FINAL HYMN #220: *"Go to Dark Gethsemane"* (verses 1,2)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

DEPART TO STRIP THE SANCTUARY



Thank you for participating in tonight's worship service.

This service is broadcast on Facebook Live and YouTube at:

www.Facebook.com/ShelbyPres and www.YouTube.com/c/ShelbyPres

Music Licenses: 1575277 (CCLI)/A-739540 (One License)

Shelby Presbyterian Church, 226 E. Graham St., Shelby, NC 28150

Web site: www.ShelbyPres.org Phone: (704) 487-8503, info@shelbypres.org